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For : ADAPTIVE PATTERN RECOGNITION BASED CONTROLLER APPARATUS
AND METHOD AND HUMAN-FACTORED INTERFACE THEREFORE

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June 25, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, the time for response to which expires June 26, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

36. The apparatus according to claim 35,
wherein said apparatus is an information access system for automatically presenting users with information items of interest;

wherein said content records storing means comprises a computer system containing a database of information items available to be presented to users of the system;

wherein said accessing means comprises at least one access device for enabling users to communicate with the computer system and access any of the items of available information;

wherein said user profile storing means stores a user profile for each user having access to the available items of information;

wherein said relating means comprises means for ranking [the] a likely degree of interest for each of the available items of information in accordance with a user profile;

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